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Method and Apparatus for Implementing Automatic Protection

Switching Functionality in a Distributed Processor Data Router

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Dear Sir:

## Response E